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Ms. Emily Berman Union of Concerned Scientists 1825 K St., NW Suite 800 Washington, DC 20006

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2018-001063

Dear Ms. Berman:

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request EPA-HQ-2018-001063, dated October 26, 2017. You requested access to and copies of information relating to an agency-wide survey distributed by the Scientific Integrity Committee. In particular, you requested copies of the survey instrument, aggregate responses, stratified/cross-tabulated results, and essay responses.

This is the first installment of records for this FOIA request, which consists of the report, "Scientific Integrity at EPA: Results of the 2016 EPA Employee Survey". The report includes the survey instrument, aggregate responses, and stratified/crosstabulated results.

The response to this request can be accessed electronically by searching the request number (EPA-HQ-2018-001063) in FOIA On-Line via the website: (https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home).

This letter is a partial response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Anand Mudambi (EPA/OSA) at (202) 564-2817.

Sincerely,

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